

amendments. The question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Brashear, to open on your bill.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, if I might inquire first of the Clerk. Is there an amendment by me?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Would you like to take it up now?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: You tell me, can I open and then do the amendment?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That's normal procedure, but if you don't have an opening, that's fine also.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Just another thing I don't know, Mr. Speaker. Forgive me. LB 1263 is more than housecleaning or housekeeping, but it is simply designed to take that which we have in the Accountability and Disclosure Act and make it better. It basically improves the existing statute in two ways. First it amends certain provisions of the act as to reports required to be filed concerning campaign financing and lobbying so as to add late fees for untimely filings of such reports so that all persons subject to the reporting requirements of the act will be treated evenhandedly. As the statute now exists, only certain types of reports are subject to late filing fees. Secondly, the bill provides changes to the requirements for reporting earmarked campaign contributions. Under the bill, the agent passing on the earmarked contribution must provide the recipient of the contribution with a written record indicating the name and address of the actual source of the contribution. It is particularly important that earmarked contributions are properly disclosed because without this disclosure, the transfer of an earmarked contribution is unlawful. The commission has documented the fact that where the act has provided for late filing fees, compliance has averaged 95 percent or greater. That compares to a compliance rate of 75 to 80 percent and even less in the case of corporations where there is no comparable cost or late filing fee imposed for noncompliance. The new late